

**Asociación Para La Reconstrucción Económica Cubana
(AREC)**

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Form 4-3067

November 22, 1960.

Mr. Allen Dulles
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

We have the honor to inform you that an organization named AREC (Asociación para la Reconstrucción Económica Cubana), has been formed by cuban industrialists and business and professional men for the purpose, as its name implies, and as set forth in the enclosed charter, to prepare for the reconstruction of the cuban economy.

Mr. Abel Mestre, a well known industrialist and business man, co-owner of the leading cuban radio and television station has been named President of the Association, and the undersigned has been named Secretary.

I am President of Havana Bar Association and was until recently a practicing attorney of the city of Havana. Among my American clients are:



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I was also legal adviser of the Cuban Banks Association and counsel of other cuban and U. S. firms.

Our Association was formed by cubans and foreigners who either own business in Cuba or do business with Cuba. Its Board of Directors is totally composed of U. S. and cuban industrialists, merchants or business and professional men.

We are dedicated to the task of uniting all the factions which are actively opposed to the Castro communist government and to prepare for and contribute to the economic, social and juridical reconstruction of Cuba.

We trust that this letter shall merit your attention and we are willing to furnish all additional information you may request regarding the composition and objectives of our organization.

Sincerely yours,

AREC

Silvio Sarabria
General Secretary

"THE MIAMI HERALD"

Noviembre 22 de 1960.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE CUBAN ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION AREC

NOTICE

As your personal contribution to the studies about the economic, social and legal reconstruction of Cuba that we are carrying out, we ask you to answer the following questions, sparing part of your time at home or at your office:

- 1st. In your opinion, which would be the best way to plan and carry out Cuba's social, legal and economic development?
- 2nd. In which way would you suggest to plan the restitution of your business, industry, property or personal activity, in such a way that it could be maintained on a productive basis?
- 3rd. What measures should be taken for the economic re-establishment of the social or economic sector to which you belonged in Cuba?
- 4th. Which do you think are the necessary steps to be taken in order to obtain the unification of all forces that are fighting against Castro's communist tyranny?
- 5th. What would you suggest for a better prosecution of Cuba's reconstruction and what other suggestions do you think could be of interest for our struggle in restoring democracy to our country?

We would appreciate very much if you send us your answer by mail or personally to our office, 1209 Huntington Medical Building, Miami, Florida.

All answers will be maintained in strict confidence, unless you give us express authority to do otherwise. If you have no objections, please include your address and telephone number.

Miami, Fla., November 17, 1960

AREC

Abel Mestre
PRESIDENT

1209 Huntington Medical Bldg.
Miami, Florida

BY LAWS
ASSOCIATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION
OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY
(AREC)

WHEREAS: The economic and professional classes of Cuba, conscious of the fact that the ideals which inspired and gave its initial impulse to the Cuban Revolution have been betrayed by the establishment of a totalitarian government which, through terror and violence, is stifling public liberties, imposing state intervention and substituting a democratic form of government by a communist dictatorship, have agreed to join forces and combine their individual efforts in an endeavour to win back the liberties and way of life which is the aspiration of the majority of the Cuban people.

WHEREAS: To this end they now organize the ASSOCIATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY (AREC in spanish);

THEREFORE: This Association is an organization representative of the economic and professional sectors of Cuba, constituted for the purpose of cooperating to the overthrow of the regime which has been imposed upon our country and establish, within the guiding principles of the 1940 Constitution, a system of representative democratic government, the supreme function of the law, the respect of human rights, free private enterprise, private property in its concept of social function, free expression, the happiness, well-being and economic and cultural prosperity of the Cuban people.

The Association will operate under the following:

BY-LAWS

Chapter I

Article 1.- It shall be known as "ASSOCIATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CUBAN ECONOMY" (AREC).

Article 2.- Its headquarters shall be determined, for the time being, by its Executive Committee, but it shall establish branches and delegations in the Republic of Cuba or in any other country.

Chapter II

ORGANIZATION.

Article 3.- It shall be constituted by all those members of the economic and professional sectors which may wish to join voluntarily.

Article 4.- Owing to the conditions now prevailing in Cuba, membership and admissions shall be deemed secret, except when the interested parties may request it to be otherwise.

Chapter III

OBJECTIVES.

Article 5.- The objectives of the organization are:

- a)-To incorporate all the economic and professional sectors of Cuba in the struggle against the communist regime now existing in Cuba.
- b)-To promote the unification of the revolutionary groups and bring about uniformity in its programmatic objectives, for the organization has as its aim and purpose to unite the separate efforts now being made for the liberation of our country incorporating thereto the economic and professional classes for the success of its common aim.

- c)-To encourage its members to join the different organizations and revolutionary groups and participate in their working committees, contributing as many plans, reports and data as may be deemed necessary for the economic and juridical planning of the country.
- d)-To defend the principles of representative democracy, of political liberty, of social justice, of individual and collective well-being, the legitimacy of private property, of a cultural and economic standard which shall satisfy the needs of the Cuban people, and whatever other measures may tend to promote its comfort and happiness.
- e)-To give special attention to plans for the reconstruction of the Cuban economy, and to this effect organize the different sectors which constitute its economic life and, within each sector, to study the measures to be adopted in order to undertake the total economic planning, indispensable for the rebirth of private enterprise and the welfare of the country.
- f)- To endeavour to eliminate unemployment through the creation of jobs, agricultural and industrial stimulation, propitiating a just compensation to labor and a legitimate profit for the entrepreneur or investor.
- g)- To assume the expenses of and contribute economically to the revolutionary process against the communist regime of Cuba, and lend its aid to the needy political refugees.-To this end, AREC will try to obtain the contributions of its members and of those corporations and persons in Cuba and abroad who sympathize or defend the democratic ideals which the Cuban people are trying to re-

instate in their country.

h)-To fight communism in all its forms and manifestations, within and outside Cuba, organizing propaganda, endeavouring that the economic and professional classes participate in the political and administrative life of the Government and obtaining the cooperation of similar associations in the other countries of Latin-American to prevent communist infiltration.

Chapter IV

ADMINISTRATION.

Article 6.- The assembly of associates shall be in charge of the government and management of AREC and all its members shall form part thereof and entitled to vote.

The assembly will appoint a Board of Directors composed of the number of members that it may deem convenient, but endeavouring, whenever possible, that all the sectors that constitute the Association shall be represented therein.

Article 7.- The Board of Directors will appoint, from among its members, the officers of the Association and shall determine their respective powers and duties.

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee which will be constituted by not less than three nor more than seven members to which there shall be delegated all the powers that it may see fit.

Article 8.- The Executive Committee shall have the following specific powers:

a)-To draw up the draft or drafts of the rulings by which this association is to be governed, which will be submitted to the Board for its approval.

- b)-To approve the applications for membership, and
- c)-To organize the Association in cellular form, if it is considered that it is for the best interests of the people.

CHAPTER V

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Article 9.- These by-laws shall remain in force until a provisional government is established in Cuba which shall fully accept the principles propounded by the Association.

Once the provisional government shall be set up, this Association will be reorganized for the purpose of continuing its activities in pursuit of the economic development of Cuba.

Article 10.- The Board of Directors shall be authorized to undertake or carry out whatever provisions not especially set forth in these by-laws.

Article 11.- To modify these by-laws during this interim period, or in order to change the objectives of the Association, it shall be indispensable to have the favourable vote of two thirds of its members.

West Palm Beach, Fla. September 1900.

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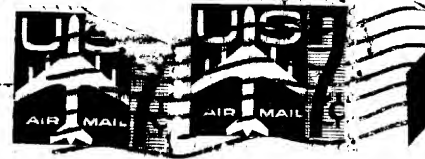
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